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FANWOOD

Champions from the East, the South, the Central and the Midwest will meet in New York to decide the National School for the Deaf Basketball titleholder. The tournament will be played in the Hebrew Orphanage gymnasium under the joint auspices of the All America Basketball Board, allied New York deaf organizations, and the New York School for the Deaf, directed by a committee composed of Arthur Kruger, David Davidowitz, and John Wilkerson, chairman.

Superintendent Skyberg approved plans Monday to house the competing teams at Fanwood during the duration of their stay, which will be planned to include educational sight-seeing trips, entertainment, and other diversions as well as the opportunity to win the national crown. Mr. Skyberg will make the official drawings shortly after the Southern and Mid-western tournament late in the week.

"Bring them to New York," Coach Fred Burbank of the victorious New Jersey team told Eastern Boardman George Harlow, Mt. Airy, after winning the Eastern championship last week. New Jersey's team, hailed as one of the best teams entered in a tournament in the East in several years, is expected to be a tough hurdle for the invading westerners and southerners.

With the Central titleholders decided last week and the South and Midwest coming in this week, a full four-team entry is assured for the meet, which will be conducted in round-robin style.

The previous tournaments have been held in Pittsburgh and Jacksonville with never more than three teams entered. Wisconsin was last year's winner, beating Mississippi and Kansas, and again took first place this year.

New York nearly got the tournament last year when Messrs. Kruger and Davidowitz made tentative plans. Their efforts this year have been aided by Boardmen Foltz of Kansas in the West, Baynes of Alabama in the South, and Meagher in the Central, sent word that their sectors would co-operate.

Fanwood's holding the first complete National here will be a fitting athletic finale to the long history of the Washington Heights site. Athletic Director Tainsly has promised to hold the Sportsmanship Brotherhood initiation and presentation of All-America certificates in connection with the tournament.

Fanwood's progressive vocational department was inspected by Messrs. McSweeney and MacAuley of Mt. Airy's vocational department on Thursday and Friday of last week. They also visited the Lexington School Thursday afternoon. The visitors toured the classes here and inspected work done by the Fanwood boys.

"Deaf workmen are 20% more efficient," said Mr. Miller, head of the I. Miller shoe factories, when Mr. Kiehne took twelve Fanwood shoe-making students on a tour of the Long Island factory last Friday. While the factory, which turns out 3,500 pairs daily, has only five deaf employees at the present time, Mr. Miller says they have had more and are thoroughly satisfied with the present workmen. He bases their higher efficiency on his observations over the past years. Mr. Kiehne's students were extremely interested by the educational field trip.

Mrs. Edith A. Watson died on Saturday, March 5th, at St. Luke's Hospital from a complication of ailments. She was a teacher in the literary department for many years. Funeral services were held at the Chapel of the Intercession on Sunday afternoon, and were attended by Superintendent Skyberg and others of the school staff. Interment was in St. Catherine, Canada. (See editorial page).

Fanwood will play host to 20 Grand Street Settlement boys next Wednesday for ping-pong, checker, and 110-pound basketball competition, the first of a series of contests planned by Mr. Tainsly with New York groups. Boys from 12 to 16, after being Fanwood guests for dinner, will play competitive ping pong and checkers. The 110-pound basketballers will vie. Older boys will also meet in billiards and ping pong.

Debates and speeches by Cadets David Hecht, Frezza, Halpert, Abrahamsen, Nahoun, DeMarco, Hart, Gonzales Greenstone, Tomlet, and Gaden featured the Fanwood Literary Association's fourth successful meeting on Monday evening. Activities Director Brattasani directed most of the program, which was followed by President Schroeder's calling group meeting of the Dramatics, Varsity, and Writing clubs. The latter two are being organized, the second under the direction of Mr. Casalbore. In a Dramatics reorganization, Raymond Jackson became President, Forman vice-president, and Harry Gordon as program director. Cadet Schroeder, as G. O. president, is director of the Dramatic Workshop.

When Mr. Schreiber was ill and absent from his cleaning and uniform repair department last week, the work was temporarily taken over by Cadets Rullo, Fronda, and LaMonica from Mr. Stein's tailoring classes. The boys, working together well, kept up Mr. Schreiber's work and at the same time, got a Number One lessons in practical tailoring.

JOHN WILKERSON.

Important Notice

Attention is called to the new address of Miss Margarette B. Helmle, Special Representative for the Deaf, New York State Employment Service. Her office is now at 79 Madison Avenue (near 28th Street) which is the central placement office of the State service.

This change was made so that Miss Helmle would be in closer touch with jobs coming in and placement activities in general. Applications of all deaf people registering in the local offices will be sent to the Central Placement Office and there reviewed by Miss Helmle and classified according to work qualifications. She will continue as special consultant to State Employment Interviewers on employment problems of the deaf applicants.

Miss Helmle will have regular interviewing hours on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:00 to 11:30 A.M. and 2:00 to 4:00 P.M.

Miss Helmle will be glad to see any deaf person wishing to consult her about work, vocational training or any other problem on which she may be of assistance. Special appointment can be made for those working or who cannot come on regular interviewing days. The telephone number is Lexington 2-8910.

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NEW YORK CITY

CATHOLIC CENTER

Washington's Birthday was fittingly observed by the New York Catholic Center for the Deaf with an entertainment in the form of a series of small plays directed by George Lynch. The Xavier College Theatre was quite filled, with the balcony being largely preferred by the audience.

The first act entitled "A pair of Spectacles," with Miss R. Yaeger, and Messrs. Lynch and V. Mazur, was well received. It was not until the all-seeing specs from the mystic Orient arrived that the fun began, and from then on the audience went into an uproar. The butler's (Mr. Mazur) job was saved when, after being put on the spot for taking the uninvited privilege of smoking his master's stogies and the mistress' favorite wine, the specs told of the "two-timing" of the "happy" couple.

Irene Gourdeau, Mrs. Giordano and Herbert Carroll gave a skit that was well executed. Mrs. Giordano's job was saved also because in a hypothetical way she saved her master's life by mislaying his letter that would have meant a fortune had he reached Chicago.

Probably the best play of the evening was "Twin Sisters," played by Mrs. Kaminsky and Mrs. Henry. Its up-to-dateness and the natural manner of conversation between the two won deserved applause.

Mr. Joselow appeared solo in two numbers. One was a pantomime of the joys and woes of a restaurant waiter attempting to date up a guest's lady friend. The other was that of a father on trial for murdering a friend accidentally when the latter refused to lend him the price of admission to "Carnegie Hall" to see his "distinguished" violinist son, whom he had deserted as an infant, play that night.

Ernest Marshall proved himself a master tragedian in his performance alone in "The Unseen."

The proceeds of the affair was for Father Purtell's Catholic Deaf-Mute paper.

Nearly 300 were attracted to the Literary Night at the Union League rooms on Sunday night, March 6th.

Mr. Max Lubin, assisted by Mr. Ludwig Fischer, arranged for the movies. The first film shown was "The Deaf Boy's Education," films loaned by the New York School for the Deaf. Old timers of Fanwood were loud in their praise of the improvements shown today at Fanwood.

The next reel was "Sport World," showing many contests on land and water.

The literary program included a story by Mr. Bragg, entitled "Open the Door," relating what a diver observed under the sea.

The Romeros eclipsed themselves this time and kept the audience in laughter from beginning to end.

Mr. Robert Jackson of Michigan, who was present with his charming wife, volunteered, not once but twice, and his antics kept all in good humor. The chairman of the Literary Department, Mr. James Quinn, closed the meeting with a story that was well received.

Charles S. Ehrlich, brother of Miss Kate Ehrlich, died on March 4th, in the Newark, N. J., hospital from a stroke. The funeral was held on March 6th, and interment was in Newark.

Mrs. David L. Morrill is now back home at 61 Vermilyea Avenue, after staying at the Memorial Hospital for ten days. She and the daughter, Olive Venetia, are doing fine. Mrs. Morrill's sister, Miss Stella Mixon, came to New York City from North Carolina, her home state, last Thursday to be with her for a while.

Tripping over a rug in his bathroom in the West Park Apts., Alex L. Pach had a bad fall that caused superficial wounds on his head and body and a black eye. Prompt medical and surgical attention in the accident ward of Roosevelt Hospital enabled Mr. Pach to go home, where he is resting up.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Goldfogle witnessed a motion picture "The Adventures of Chico," at the 55th Street Playhouse, which gave a striking picture of an almost untouched phase of Mexican existence. It is the true story of a strange and beautiful friendship between a young peon boy and the wild animals of the forest.

The 74-year-old father of Anna M. Klaus of Palisades Park, N. J., passed away on the morning of February 28th, after a long illness. Interment was in Lutheran Cemetery, Long Island, on March 2d.

On February 20th, Mrs. Patsy Cassamassa entertained the Clover Girls' and also her guests with a "500" party and served a nice supper at her home in Morristown, N. J. The hostess won first prize at "500" and her husband won the second prize, while Jessie Kaman got the third prize. The guests all had an enjoyable time.

Mrs. Viola Hull and Mrs. Emma Lombard of Arlington, Mass., recently visited New York City, staying at the Hotel Roosevelt for one week. During their visit they called on Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Meacham at their home in Flushing. Mrs. Hull and Mrs. Lombard are old friends of the Meachams, and frequently make trips to New York.

Mr. Louis Bayarsky received a letter from Minneapolis, Minn., from his inseparable chum, Mr. Louis Farber, who is visiting his fiancée, Miss Ruth Efron, for two weeks. Mr. Farber met Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Warne there and also the former's deaf sister.

Readers are reminded of the card party of the Society of Artists at the Y. M. H. A. Building next Saturday, March 12th. Ten fine oil paintings will be the prizes. (See adv.)

Mr. Mozart Monaelesser, who was struck by a car and narrowly escaped being killed, is again about, and has announced that his name has been changed to Mozart Philip.

The Basketball and Dance affair of the Interstate Deaf League, under auspices of the Hebrew Association, held at the Warner Gymnasium on Saturday evening, March 5th, was a most successful one, socially and financially. The H. A. D. team captured the championship of the League. Fuller details of the tournament will be given next week.

Basketball enthusiasts will have their fill of exciting games at the Newark Silent Club affair this coming Saturday. There will also be dancing. (See adv.)

Basketball

The details of the Eastern States Basketball Tournament held at the Edgewood School are crowded out of this issue, but will be printed next week as a matter of record.

CHICAGOLAND

Evidently there is no exclusion of the deaf boxers from the Golden Gloves Tournament held this year here by the *Chicago Tribune*, as once complained of last year by Vanderprow and Francini. This week, James Eagen, still a school boy from Illinois School for the Deaf and recently a winner of the championship as bantamweight boxer in the Golden Gloves contest in Springfield, Ill., came on February 27th, for the Chicago meet. He encountered no difficulties because of deafness and was admitted into the ring. He had one great difficulty, though: he was defeated in the second round by his hearing opponent, Melvin Black, of Nashville, Tenn.

The Canvass-Kissers A. C. knows how to treat itself, even if it is two years old. They celebrated its anniversary in the Hof Brau Bavarian Cafe, 304 W. North Avenue, somewhere in north side, with a banquet on February 18th. This cafe serves German-Hungarian dishes, their speciality. Thirty-six members sat in U-lineup. The background scenery was Alpine, with a distinct leaning towards the Bavarian style, the Alps reigning high over cabins. The waiters and waitresses, attired in German-Hungarian, gave folk dances and songs to the tunes rendered by the Bavarian orchestra. Frank C. Bush, the club president, acted as toastmaster and presented a leather wallet to the retiring president, Emanuel Mayer. It was inscribed in gold with his name, the years he served (1936-1937), and the name of the club. F. Bush, H. Bruns, E. Mayer, L. Massinkoff and R. Crocker made short speeches. Mr. Crocker was chairman of the night.

George Pick, the only mechanical dentist known over the large area, made a good picking Monday, February 21st. It weighed 8 pounds and ten ounces, and named Charles Pick. The wife is recovering excellently.

Fifty tables were enough to make a success of the card party backed by Mrs. Harrison Leiter for the benefit of the trip to be made by the Chicago Bowling League to Syracuse, N. Y., in April. February 19th was the date, Parish Hall of the All Angels' Mission for the Deaf the place, of this' get-together.

The Chicago Deaf Bowling League is looking for a series of match games with various teams outside Chicago for the March month schedule. Those interested in these matches are advised to communicate with Frank L. Bush, secretary, 4514 Clifton Avenue. The other officers are Louis Massinkoff, president; Gordon Rice, vice-president; and Frank Bush, additional office of treasurer. This league is sanctioned by the American Bowling Congress for the second year.

From Cuba came a pictorial card sent by Charles Krauel, now vacationing with Charles Yanzito, for three weeks in this spot and Florida. Krauel was one of the most indefatigable members of the former Chicago NAD Convention committee. J. Frederick Meagher, in one of his serial intimate tid-bits about the said convention, made an error of describing him as a staunch anti-oralist. Nothing could be further from the truth. He proved a consistent and steady worker, and since he learned lip-reading in young years he gradually forgot how to use it, but months of contact with many other oralites on the committee induced him to talk and read lips a little, almost involuntarily. At the same time, he helped to correct the sign-language of those not so well versed in it. It was mutual all round. This distant trip was his first real vacation since the convention work, and the committee was very glad he should have so interesting a journey, which is a recompense, to say the least. They left February 19th and expect to return March 6th.

A post-marriage shower was turned on by Mrs. Walter Hodgson for the former Helen Ball, who married

George Carlson. The occasion was on February 12. The couple were married a very short time before. Mrs. Hodgson was assisted by Mrs. Ward Belford.

Harry Hinckle, Detroit, Mich., made a short visit in Chicago, last week.

The Meagher Shanty, the mecca of private parties, saw another affair one Friday night in February in honor of Mrs. Charles Dore's natal day. It was concocted by Jennie Reid and Katherine Leiter.

The Chicago League of Hebrew Deaf probably will not renew the lease on the quarters at 2707 W. Division Street, as the year failed make the ends meet. When it expires it will move elsewhere and gather at stated intervals. During this transition it will give a Penny and Card Social as a grand farewell party either April or May. June 1st is the date of expiration. The official personnel has changed recently: James Epstein is now treasurer; Louis Rozett, acting secretary.

Dan Cloud, the managing officer of the Illinois School for the Deaf, and Miss Alice Coburn, identified with the oral day schools for the deaf in Chicago, both were elected vice-presidents of the Society of Progressive Oral Advocates at its 21st meeting of recent date, at the Hotel La Salle.

Again the Canvas-Kissers are up to something else. It was a Card Party, garnished with a Penny Social at the North-West Hall, 2403 W. North Avenue, Saturday the 26th. Morris Hertzberg and Leo Suiter got it up. A good crowd.

The former Chicagoans, Morris Kesert and George Eccles (who married the ex-Mary Stein,) are both among the officers of the Hollywood Division, No. 119, installed February 4th by the Los Angeles Division No. 27. The respective offices they are holding are Director and Trustee for three years. This is the second oral division to be formed, patterned after the first one chartered in Chicago under the name of Chicago Division, No. 106, in April 1926. The sister division, No. 106, sent its sisterlet substantial cash as a gift and token of mutual cheer. Incidentally, George Eccles was member of No. 106 and afterwards transferred to Los Angeles, No. 27, before becoming a charter member of the latest division.

Jack Graner and Mary Connolly were married February 5. The husband's actual and formal name is Jacob Goldstein, as recorded in *The Frat* of the current issue.

The Lady of Many Addresses, Mrs. Edwin Teweles, writes of a grand time she is having in Los Angeles, not neglecting to take movies wherever she travelled. It is likely it will include the floods. She speaks of seeing Kesert and Eccles, also Mr. and Mrs. Walton, Mrs. Lipsett, nee Grace Cooper, Miss Peek and Mrs. Sonnenborn, all of them ex-Chicagoans.

Mrs. Matilda Huff of Oak Park, Ill., died February 25, 1938, at the age of eighty-one years. She had been a resident of Oak Park for the past twenty-one years, and prior to that, lived in Joliet, which was her birthplace.

She was a graduate of the Jacksonville School for the Deaf. On December 30, 1885, she was married to Louis Huff of Bellville. In her younger days she was very active in church work.

Though she had been in poor health for a number of years, she had been sick abed but four weeks, passing peacefully away. Her husband preceded her in death on January 16, 1924.

She leaves to mourn her, one son, Louis of Oak Park, with whom she resided; a sister, Magdalena Colby of Washington, D. C., and a brother, John Gottschalg of Joliet. Services were read by Reverend Hasenstab and daughter, Constance Elmes. The body was laid to its final resting place in Oakwood Cemetery in Joliet.

PETER J. LIVSHIS
3811 W. Harrison St.

OHIO

The next big meeting for Columbus is the bowling tournament for March 26th and 27th, and according to reports reservations are coming in fast—so fast that Mr. Uren, the chairman, does not know which way to turn. He predicts a crowd of 500.

There is to be dancing under the supervision of a master of ceremonies, and food will be served just as at any city club—so says the chairman. The Columbus club has engaged a floor show and orchestra. All who come are assured they will be well entertained. The bowling fever seems to be epidemic here at present.

The Gasoline Alley Frolic down in Cincinnati late in January was well attended, with a number from Dayton, Columbus and other cities. Mr. and Mrs. Hilbert Duning acted as chairmen and felt highly pleased that the affair gave a profit of \$50.00 to the Cincinnati Deaf Autoists' Club. All the talks were about the driving laws and all urged the deaf to observe every rule for safety. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Mather, of Richmond and Columbus, and Mr. and Mrs. Louis LaFountaine went over from Columbus to see how the deaf of other cities manage their affairs.

At their reunion last fall the members of the Ohio School Alumni Association passed a resolution asking the State to remove their school to a new location. At present a petition is being circulated among the Ohio deaf and their friends. As soon as sufficient number of signatures are secured, the petition will be placed before the proper authorities for action.

Besides being a virtual firetrap, the environment in which the present school is located is not conducive to the best interest of the pupils. Also, the present location does not permit for an expansion for needed buildings, nor for space for outdoor recreational activities. The girls have practically no place in which to play outdoors, and the boys are compelled to play their football and basketball games on rented locations.—*Ohio Chronicle*, February 19th.

We understand that the officers of the Alumni Association are actually at work in behalf of a change of location for the Ohio School. The school when first planned was "way out from town," but the city has grown and so surrounded it, there is no elbow room. True all the older deaf would not like to see a change, but we must consider the good for the future generation of deaf children.

Mr. Wm. H. Zorn, of the school, was presented with a large (20 inches long he says) fish sent up from Florida by the catcher, Mr. Harry Romoser, who with his wife have been enjoying Florida weather and food all winter. Well, our Ohio weather has been very good this winter and Florida fruit and vegetables are right at your grocers.

Mr. George Greener, of Boston, gladdened his old home at 993 Franklin Avenue, a short time ago by making a stop-over when on his way to look over Mexico for one month. His coming was the signal for the Sher-mans of Fort Wayne, Ind., and a granddaughter, Barbara Kridler of Toledo, to gather with Mr. Greener at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. Thomas.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Moore, of Worthington, are highly pleased to have as their neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. Arden Lewis. The latter as Ruth Smith was a teacher at the Ohio School before her marriage. They have operated a Fried Chicken Shop in Columbus for a few years.

Folks at the Ohio School were sorry to learn of the disastrous fire at the North Carolina School, but congratulate the school that no lives were lost.

SILVER JUBILEE

Newark Division, No. 42, N. F. S. D.

Saturday, April 23, 1938

DANCE and FLOOR SHOW

Write to Your Congressman

Editor of the Journal:

At a recent conference in Harrisburg with Dr. John A. Kratz, chief of the Federal Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation in the U. S. Department of the Interior, and Dr. Andrew S. Beshore, Director of the State Bureau of Rehabilitation in the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry, my attention was called to an amendment to the Social Security Act of 1935, introduced by Senator La Follette.

The Bill has already passed the United States Senate and is now in committee in the House of Representatives. It seeks to amend Section 531 of the Social Security Act by providing that federal funds shall be allocated to the States for vocational training and rehabilitation of physically handicapped persons. The deaf are specifically included as a class who are to receive benefits under the provisions of the Bill. A minimum of \$20,000 is guaranteed to every State under the Bill, and a total annual sum is appropriated that will ultimately amount to \$5,000,000 in 1941 and thereafter. The moneys will be used to match the appropriations of the several States for that purpose appropriated, dollar for dollar.

Pennsylvania is already receiving \$30,000 per annum for the vocational training of the deaf, and if this Bill becomes law, it will stand to receive further sums. There is a similar arrangement in Michigan and some other states, and no reason exists why the same condition should not prevail in every State.

In view of the desirable nature of this Bill, I respectfully suggest that the deaf everywhere write a letter to their Congressman, urging support of the measure.

Very truly yours,

WARREN M. SMALTZ, Chairman,
Council for Social and Industrial
Welfare of the Deaf of Pennsylvania.

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Frederick, Md.

The first monthly church services for the deaf of Frederick in 1938 were held at Calvary M. E. Church on Sunday, February 20th, by Rev. D. E. Moylan, who preached an excellent sermon. The services were attended by a large number of older deaf of the Maryland school. The reverend gentleman continued on to Hagerstown for afternoon services for the deaf there.

Mr. James Foxwell, who brought Rev. Moylan to Frederick in his car on the 19th, returned to Baltimore the same day, accompanied by Mr. Leonard Downes, Mr. Arthur Winebrenner and Mr. Uriah Shockley. The purpose of the trip was to attend the annual bowling matches between Baltimore and Washington Frat Divisions. Messrs. Downes and Winebrenner bowled on team B for Baltimore. This teams record bettered that of team A, supposed to be composed of crack alley artists. However, the Capital bowlers rolled up a score that stood 109 points higher than Baltimore's.

Mrs. Gladys Lieneweber Leitch of Baltimore, also accompanied Mr. Foxwell to Frederick and spent the night and part of the day following as the guest of the Faupels. Mrs. Leitch came especially to visit with her daughter, Vivian, a sixth-grade student at the Maryland school.

Miss Louise McClain took a trip to Baltimore on February 12th, to attend the kiddie-valentine party of the F. F. F. S. She remained in the state metropolis until mid-morning of the next day, being the guest of her old scholmate, Miss Helen Skinner. She reported having had a swell time.

The Maryland school has had many deaf visitors since my last letter, to name a few: Misses Helen Hook, Irma Hopkins and Hazel Manahan, and Messrs. Harold Hopkins, Mabel Lynch, Luther Lewis, Joseph Bogucki, Armstrong Elliott, Lester Miner, Benjamin Myerovitz, John Geiger, Irwin Markel and William Cairnes.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Quinn and Mr. Marion Cramer were the only persons in this city to attend the third annual Masquerade Dance held at Schanze's Hall, Baltimore, Saturday night, February 26th, under auspices of Baltimore Division, No. 47, N. F. S. D. The dance failed to come up to expectations of the committee in charge, Wilbert Silberman acting as chairman. Less than a hundred were in attendance.

Mr. Leonard Downes spent Sunday the second of February, visiting his relatives and friends at the Capital.

Mr. Edward Harmon of Washington, has been extended an invitation to give a reading before the Ely Literary Society members at their regular Saturday night meeting on March 19th.

Mrs. Ellen M. McCamer, aged 79, passed away on February 25th, at the Grow residence, where for a number of years she had made her home with her daughter, Miss Hazel McCamer, and granddaughter, Miss Margaret Kent, both of the school staff. She had a wide circle of friends, who extend sympathy to the bereaved ones. Burial took place in Mt. Olivet Cemetery on March 1st.

Mr. Robert Quinn motored to Philadelphia on Thursday, February 3d, to join his wife, Anna, and after a week there returned bringing her back, thus terminating a six-weeks' visit she had. They were accompanied by a friend, Mrs. Catherine Mowbray, a comely widow, who spent the week-end, 11 to 14, as their guest. It was Mrs. Mowbray's first visit to Frederick, the historical city. We wonder what impressions she took home with her.

A highly interesting film captioned "Where Chick Life Begins" was shown in the school chapel yesterday evening by Mr. J. R. Sausser. The film showed clearly and in detail how the albumen and yolk contents of

the egg changed into a live chick. Pictures were made by Elmer S. Phillips of the Research Department of Ralston Purina Co., St. Louis, Mo. To film the growth he broke 2,000 eggs in various stages.

In Frederick as elsewhere, February 6th to 12th was a week marked with activities in observance of the 28th anniversary of scouting in America. The three Boy Scout troops sponsored by the Maryland school took a part. The outstanding events for them was the Court of Honor, Wednesday night in Pythian Castle, at which twenty boys received merit badge awards, and the banquet marking Boys Rally meeting at the Lutheran Church, Friday night. This was attended by Messrs. James McVernon, Arthur Winebrenner and George Faupel and fourteen Boy Scouts.

The Francis Scott Key Post, No. 11, the American Legion, is sponsoring a Junior Basketball League at the Maryland school. Three other groups are sponsored by the Legion in the city. Four teams are in competition for the honor of representing the Maryland school in final contests to determine the city championship in their class.

The eleventh basketball tournament of Eastern States Schools for the Deaf held at Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf in Pittsburgh has passed into history. Maryland was represented by a team as at all previous tournaments back to the first one. The team put up a gallant fight, but the best it could do was to finish in fourth place. Their record consisted of victories over the St. Joseph's, Virginia and Rhode Island teams and defeats by Mt. Airy and W. P. I. D. team.

The Maryland school team defeated the Kendall school quint for the second time this season in a nip and tuck game, Friday night, February 4th in Gallaudet College gymnasium. The winner was in doubt to the very last minute. Score was 22 to 19.

February 8th the team bowed in defeat to the Demolays of the city in a game on the home court, 37 to 19. Two days later they came out on the long end of a score of 44 to 24, playing against Gaithersburg High School on their floor. The following day a trip was taken to the St. James school near Hagerstown. After three extra periods resulting in deadlock, Scott Snyder, the silent satellite, caged a goal and clinched the decision—33 to 31. February 15th, Waynesboro, Pa., High School team defeated the Silentees on their floor—37 to 26. In a game at Charles Town on February 18th, the Silentees lost to the High School team by one point, 41 to 40. Middletown High School team, one of the strongest in Frederick County School League, was downed by the deaf quint, 32 to 29.

We at the school are getting ready to entertain the big crowd of Alumni and friends in the annual homecoming day on Saturday, March 12th. The main attraction is the basketball game between M. S. S. D. and Alumni former stars. It will be presided by a play in the auditorium.

March 3d.



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Help Preserve the Sign Language

There may soon appear in *The American Annals* an article on the subject: "What of the sign language." It is a subject that touches the hearts and the minds of so many of us who depend a great deal on the beautiful language of signs for our happiness in life. The article seeks to find a way to standardize and perpetuate the sign language. It is written by a well known deaf educator. Recently Dr. Gallaudet's 35mm. print, now 27 years old, "The Lorna Doone Country of Devonshire, England," was shown at the author's school. It was used to set a model before the teachers and pupils and in that it was successful. In Dr. Gallaudet they saw a real master of the sign language. Pupils and teachers were talking about it all day. Pupils were using some of Dr. Gallaudet's signs. Teachers were commenting on his dignified bearing and the clearness of his spelling, as well as his very fine signs. The superintendent of the school desires a copy of the film to be used from time to time as a model of presentation.

In this connection I would like to call your attention to the action taken at the Chicago convention of the N.A.D. last summer. The convention was told, for the second time, that if steps were not soon taken to have 16mm. reductions from the 35mm. negatives our valuable films will be lost. The Moving Picture Committee has not sufficient funds on hand to secure 16mm. reductions from all our 35mm. negatives. Therefore the Moving Picture Committee was authorized to try and increase the funds by contributions from the deaf of the whole country and their friends. Preservation of the Sign Language, Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, and the Signing of the Charter of Gallaudet College have already been reduced to 16mm. The Lorna Doone film has been sent in for reduction and should be ready soon.

Also at the Chicago convention Dr. Bjorlee addressed the assembly on the subject: "The Deaf Must Advertise." It was decided that one of the best ways to advertise the deaf would be through a well planned film showing what the deaf are doing in an educational, professional and industrial way—a film that would interest the hearing public.

It is estimated that it will require about \$500.00 to complete the work of having 16mm. prints made from the 35mm. negatives. It is estimated that it will cost about \$250.00 to get out a proper film showing what the deaf are doing in an educational, professional, and industrial way. The estimates may fall short, but not very much. It would be better to try to raise as close to \$1,000.00 as we can. Will you help?

During the World War the deaf of this country raised \$3,000.00 almost over night for the purpose of sending ambulances to France. Now this matter of preserving the sign language means much to us and to the deaf of the future. It strikes close to home. It is practically certain that the matter of standardizing the sign language can now only be accomplished by preserving and studying those splendid films of Dr. Gallaudet, Dr. Fay, Dr. Hotchkiss, Dr. Draper, Dr. Fox, Dr. Long, Robert P. MacGregor, George Wm. Veditz, and others. Will you help?

You will want to know what will be done with the films after we get them and how they can be preserved. There will be two master prints of each subject. One will be used for study purposes. A United States Government Agency having ideal facilities for caring for films has agreed to accept one print of each subject for preservation purposes. This agency estimates it can preserve 16mm. film well over 100 years.

Readers of the JOURNAL who wish to help in this important matter can send contributions to Dr. Thomas Francis Fox, 35 Hillside Ave., Cald-

well, N. J. Names of contributors and amounts contributed will be published in the JOURNAL.

Sincerely yours,

ROY J. STEWART,

Motion Picture Committee
National Association of the Deaf.

\$10,000 Fire Sweeps Deaf, Blind School

Fire swept through a portion of the main building at the Virginia State School for Colored Deaf and Blind Children today, destroying the girls' dormitory and a section of the roof. Stahl Butler, superintendent, said damage would reach \$10,000.

Five minutes after blind girls left their quarters for classes on the floor below flames were detected shooting out through the roof. Classes had just begun when the alarm was sounded.

Instructors and children thought at first that it was the signal for a fire drill. The building was emptied quickly, however, and children were taken to quarters outside the fire zone.

Butler said the building was evacuated quickly and without confusion or excitement. None was injured.

All fire equipment from neighboring departments responded to the alarm. Nearly a dozen pieces of equipment converged in all directions on the school, located in Elizabeth City county on the eastern edge of Newport News.

The fire was discovered almost simultaneously by Bertha Turner, Negro housemother in the blind girls' dormitory, and J. H. Carpenter, laundryman at the institution. They said it was shortly before 9 o'clock.

The Turner woman was cleaning up when she felt something drop on her head. It was plaster from the ceiling. She looked up, saw the angry flames and hurried out to warn those in the building.

Carpenter was walking on the grounds when he detected the flames and turned in the alarm.

Twenty-two girls lived in the dormitory. They had just left their quarters and gone into classrooms, on the first floor when fire was discovered. Children and instructors alike were puzzled when the alarm sounded.

"I thought it was just a routine fire drill," one teacher said. "Not until I looked out the window and saw Mr. Carpenter waving his hands and pointing at the roof did I realize something was wrong."

Teachers quickly herded their charges toward the exits. The children showed no signs of panic, an instructor said. Quietly and orderly they made for the fire escapes and, in about a minute, were all out of the building.

Several instructors returned and went through each room to make sure that no children remained. Satisfied that it had been emptied, they assisted in helping the children to quarters at a safe distance from the burning structure.

Firemen from Newport News, Wythe district, Hampton, the Pine Chapel district and Kecoughtan reached the scene within a few minutes. Nearly a dozen pieces of equipment and more than 30 firemen, both regular and volunteer, fought the blaze for two hours. A line of hose was laid to Electric avenue and then west to Hickory avenue, a distance, all told, of about quarter of a mile, to provide additional streams of water. Hose, stretching across street car tracks, interrupted service on the main line temporarily. The difficulty was overcome by running cars to either side of the hose. Passengers transferred to other cars and continued their journey with little inconvenience.

As soon as children were evacuated from the building, other pupils helped save valuable equipment and books. They were joined by volunteers who removed most of the equipment. The books printed in Braille characters, represented an expensive investment.

Children quartered in the dormitory lost some of their clothing and personal effects.

Damage was confined, Superintendent Butler said, to the blind division of the main building which is the oldest on the campus. Water, soaking through from the dormitory and roof, did some damage to the classrooms. Butler said loss was covered by insurance.

Scores of spectators swarmed the grounds and police from Newport News, Elizabeth City county, and Hampton established fire lines. They helped also in removing equipment from the building.

Cornerstone of the structure was laid Oct. 20, 1906, with ceremonies in which Peninsula lodge of Masons participated. School was opened Sept. 8, 1909. It was established on a tract of 25 acres or land donated by the Newport News Chamber of Commerce, whose president at that time was Dr. Clarence Porter Jones, who has long been a member of the school's board of visitors.

Establishment of the school culminated a 16-year fight of W. C. Ritter, who for many years was superintendent of the school. The bill for its establishment was sponsored in the general assembly by Harry R. Houson, former speaker of the house.

The building in which the fire originated, from a cause not immediately determined, cost \$25,000. Recently two new wings were added.—Newport News Herald, Feb. 23.

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Mrs. Edith A. Watson

Mrs. Edith A. Watson, an oral teacher of long experience and recognized ability at the New York School for the Deaf, died on Saturday, March 5th, at St. Luke's Hospital where she had been under treatment for the past two months for a complication of ailments. Funeral services were held by Rev. Mr. Benson, on Sunday, March 6th, at St. Mary's Chapel, Trinity Chapel of the Intercession, of which she had been a communicant while connected with Fanwood.

Born at St. Catherine, Ontario, Canada, January 12, 1880, her early education was at a private school at that place, and was completed at Brantford Young Ladies College, Brantford, Ontario. She was trained in the teaching of the deaf in Laura De. L. Richard's Class, Providence, R. I., and subsequently taught for three years at the Providence school.

As Edith A. Hillman she became a teacher at the New York School in September, 1903, retiring in June, 1909, to become the wife of Mr. Murray Watson of Toronto, Canada. In September, 1922, she returned to Fanwood as a teacher. About two months ago, she felt the need of special medical care, and became a private patient at St. Luke's. With her at her death were her husband and her daughter.

She was a gentlewoman of pleasing manners with the buoyancy of a kindly nature, willing and faithful in her class work, giving her pupils the utmost care and devoted attention. She was a competent instructor wholly interested in the children under her care.

Her husband and her only daughter, Mrs. John Possotti, of Sweet Briar, Virginia, wife of a professor at Sweet Briar College, survive and have the sympathy of the Superintendent, her Principal and the teaching staff at Fanwood.

The remains were taken to St. Catherine, Canada, for interment.

ICE IN the Hudson River above Peekskill had been hampering traffic on the upper river for some time. Then the United States Coast Guard entered upon the task of opening the blockade, with the result that large ice floes have occasionally been seen passing down the river opposite Fanwood. It probably portends the resumption of early navigation. At times the view of the ice-laden river seen from the school's veranda is majestically beautiful. This winter, the last of Fanwood's stay in the neighborhood, the river opposite this school has been open most of the time.

Such work of the Coast Guard must be tame as compared with the experience it encounters when assigned to the task of patrolling the steamship lanes of the North Atlantic. This has been its annual duty since the sinking of the Titanic after meeting an iceberg in 1912. The American Coast Patrol goes far out on the steamship lane to protect shipping from the ice menace, which moves down yearly from the North Atlantic, meaning destruction to all in its path. The Patrol is regulated under an international agreement, other nations sharing in the costs and its benefits to the safety of commerce and travel. A Coast Guard cutter recently left Boston for a preliminary survey. Patrol boats will do the patrolling when the icebergs begin to move. Four of the boats will base at St. John's, New Foundland, falling back at Halifax when necessary.

The duties of the Patrol provide for at least one vessel on 24 hours of constant watch during the ice season, locating by scouting and radio information to vessels in the vicinity the position of the icebergs and field ice nearest to and menacing the North Atlantic commercial lanes. They keep transatlantic shipping informed of prevailing conditions in the Grand Banks region. Through this watchful survey of conditions in the ice fields of the North Atlantic, it is hoped to avoid any repetition of the terrible Titanic disaster.

IN ANOTHER column will be found a communication from Mr. Roy J. Stewart, Chairman of the Motion Picture Committee of the National Association of the Deaf, of which he has been the responsible head since its inception. It is worthy of the thoughtful consideration of not only the deaf, but of all who would be numbered among their friends and well-wishers. Mr. Stewart calls attention to the urgent need of additional funds to make possible the preservation of valuable films, portraying in the language of signs records of prominent educators and leaders no longer with us.

Beyond the pleasurable views of the departed, with the information which this special group of films afford, their value is of educational importance as indicating the distinctive manner in which information is conveyed to the deaf through the sign-language. Moreover, these films recall memories of other days, places and individuals whom the deaf hold in affectionate remembrance. Such films should be preserved, but this costs money, and unless financial aid is contributed by the deaf some of the films will be lost. There is little

doubt that the deaf appreciate their value; let all come forward with contributions to make certain that the films shall be maintained in good condition.

It should be a pleasure as well as a duty to assist in the preservation of examples of clear, decent, exact use of the language of signs; the need of funds for the purpose mentioned is self-evident, that is the necessity of saving valuable films now showing the effect of the ravages of use. We should contribute what we can afford toward the upkeep of this beautiful series of pictures, produced in the clear, vivid language we understand, showing all phases of character, facts, incidents, humor, with the living features of former educators and leaders—all our friends and former associates.

In this connection, it is proper to refresh the memory of members of the National Association of the Deaf that at the recent Chicago Convention of the Association the following Preambles and Resolution was adopted:—

WHEREAS, The Association has spent the sum of Four Thousand Dollars in securing a number of films showing lectures in the sign-language for the purpose of handing that language down to posterity; and

WHEREAS, The negatives of these films, while otherwise in good condition, show signs of deterioration; therefore be it

Resolved, That this convention authorize its Motion Picture Committee to raise sufficient funds through public subscription and contribution for the purpose of having 16 mm. prints made from the present 35 mm. negatives.

MINNESOTA

News items for this column, and subscriptions, should be sent to Wesley Lauritsen, School for the Deaf, Faribault, Minnesota.

About eighty deaf persons from northern Iowa and southern Minnesota gathered at the Danish Brotherhood Society Hall, in Albert Lea, Minn., on Saturday evening, the 26th of February, for the monthly meeting of the Ala Club. Ala stands for Albert Lea-Austin. This was one of the largest gatherings of the kind sponsored by the popular and fast-growing Ala Club.

A very enjoyable program was presented. This was opened by the signing of "America" by Mrs. Howard Johnson, of New Ulm. The inimitable William Hillmer of Albert Lea and Mrs. Peter Anderson of Austin then gave a skit "I Am Glad to See You." Arthur Peterson of Albert Lea made a short speech detailing the work done by the Ala Club. Rudolph Peterson and Peter Anderson then joined in a humorous dialogue and were highly lauded.

Then two well-known deaf butchers, Christopher Anderson, of Hormel's Austin plant and Rexford Dubey of Wilson's Albert Lea plant gave a skit, "That is why it is a village."

Victor R. Spence of the Faribault School faculty then gave a talk on "What is in the bag?" His talk was on foodstuffs, drugs, and other advertised articles. He pointed out that many things on the market were valueless, though expensive, and suggested that before buying the purchaser might save considerably by comparing prices at different stores.

The closing hymn "Good Night" was sung by Mabel Dubey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rexford Dubey. Following the program, bunco was

played, Mrs. Kenneth Schimmle winning a cash prize. Around midnight delicious hot refreshments were served.

The Ala Club announces that the next meeting of the organization will be held in Rochester in April, exact date and place to be announced later.

The deaf have shown much interest in the new organization and it is fast growing in both numbers and popularity. Mr. and Mrs. Howard Johnson seldom miss a meeting of the organization and were present after covering 130 miles from their New Ulm home. They took the prize for traveling the longest distance. The Maurice Potters drove 105 miles, from Windom, visiting relatives in the vicinity at the same time. From Rochester came Mr. and Mrs. Ira Hull and family, Lyle Vrieze, Melvin Hansen, and Donald O'Connor. The Club president, Ray Perkins, of Mankato, presided like a trained parliamentarian. Also from Mankato, was Joseph Myklebust, elongated linotype operator at the Forde Printing plant. Joe declared that he liked his position and was happy to be among congenial people in Mankato.

TWIN CITY NEWS

Parties are now being made up for the trek to Faribault on March 24 for the Midwest Schools for the Deaf basketball tournament to be held there on the 25 and 26. Since this big event comes to Minnesota but once in five years, indications are that the turnout will be even greater than at homecomings.

Helmer Hagel was one of the half dozen who visited Anton Schroeder at the hospital last week. Indications are that Mr. Schroeder will be brought home about March 4, but will be confined to his bed for several months.

There was a pool tourney at the Clubhouse on the last Saturday in February 26. Versatile Russell Fetzter taking first laurels with Clinton Fry runner-up. Prior to the tourney Poet J. S. S. Bowen was favored to come out on top, but reports say he had an "off night."

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Birr motored to Olivia, Minn., on February 25th to be present at the wedding of Mrs. Birr's sister.

The recent Twin City street car strike did not effect the three deaf men employed by the Twin City Lines, as their work is in the shops. The trio, Wilbert Birr, Andy Pangrac, and William Peterson, have had steady employment there for many years.

The Angel of Death struck swiftly in the faculty families during the latter part of February, no less than four calls to the Great Beyond being registered within ten days. First, the mother of Mrs. Wesley Lauritsen received her final summons; next J. W. Farrar, father of Principal Ralph Farrar, was called; then the father of Mrs. Elizabeth Petteys was summoned; and the mother of Fern Hatfield passed away just before the month came to an end.

The Minnesota School for the Deaf quint won an impressive victory over the Goodhue high school team on February 25, 34 to 14. Bob Netzloff connected with the hoop from all angles, accounting for eight field goals, a total of sixteen points.

In order to win the right to enter the West Sub-District basket ball tourney at New Richland, the School for the Deaf cagers were ordered by the District Committee to meet the Janesville High School five in a pre-tournament game. This was played on our floor on Monday, February 28. Janesville has had no gymnasium for a number of years, and hence the Janes were playing basketball for the first time this season. The boys put up a good fight, but were completely outclassed by our team, the final count reading 47 to 15.

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OMAHA

On Sunday, February 20th, the new \$17,000.00 Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Deaf in Benson was dedicated. At 3 p.m. the Rev. Ernest C. Mappes made the dedication speech outdoors followed by prayer. More than 300 stood in solemn silence in the radiant afternoon sunshine. Then the Rev. Mappes unlocked the doors, entered, followed by the officers of the church, Oscar M. Treuke, president; Nick Peterson secretary; Henry O. Hoss, treasurer; Hans Neujahr and Floyd Zabel, auditors, and George Ernest and Theo. Andersen, elders. The crowd followed in a solemn procession, filling the church to capacity. Many were unable to get inside. A great many hearing friends and members of Benson Immanuel Lutheran Church and several of the Council Bluffs deaf also attended. The Rev. Mr. Mappes opened the order of service with a hymn by the congregation, their prayer, scripture and the apostles' Creed. A selection by the Cross Lutheran choir was given, followed by the sermon by the Rev. W. C. Rehwaldt of Norfolk, Nebraska, Rev. Mr. Mappes interpreting for the deaf. Miss Emma Maser gracefully signed the hymn "Now thank we all our God," with the choir singing. A collection of \$86 for the Building Fund was then taken while the congregation sang. The services closed with prayer, benediction and the Doxology. Then everyone inspected the new building, a beautiful sight to behold. Many also visited the new parsonage, which has seven rooms, including a long living room. It is well furnished. Officers of the Ladies Aid Society are: Mrs. Oscar M. Treuke, president; Mrs. Nick Petersen, Vice-President; Miss Emma Maser, Secretary, and Mrs. Charles Macek, treasurer. Congratulatory greetings were read, one from the hearing members of Benson Immanuel Lutheran Church, who said they would miss the deaf in their church hereafter. One card was from All Souls Mission of the Deaf at Trinity Cathedral, who also sent flowers. The piano was presented by the Lutheran Church at 52nd and Leavenworth Streets.

The Rev. Mr. Mappes was married to Miss Emma Maser the next day at the home of her sister in Lincoln. The following deaf of Lincoln were present, Mrs. W. E. Sabin, Mrs. Austin Beegle and Mrs. Ed. Cody. The Rev. and Mrs. Mappes are now living at the new Bethlehem Lutheran Church Parish House, recently completed. Mrs. Mappes resigned her position as small girls' supervisor at the Nebraska School on February 1st. Her engagement to Mr. Mappes was announced last Christmas. The Rev. Mr. Mappes is a good looking minister with a pleasing personality and has been pastor to the deaf of Benson at Immanuel Lutheran Church for many years. The deaf of Lincoln, her old home town, gave her a miscellaneous shower at the Austin Beegle home early in February. The affair was a happy occasion, with delicious refreshments. Then, a week later, Mrs. Mappes' sister had some 110 hearing friends and relatives at her home to give Emma another shower. It was one of the largest ever held in Lincoln. Mrs. Mappes received many beautiful, useful and luxurious gifts, including waffle-iron, toaster, irons, three lamps and articles too numerous to mention. A delightful repast was served.

Mrs. C. Millard Bilger was hostess to the Rainbow Pinochle Club in her apartment on Thursday, February 17. Mrs. Nick Petersen and Millard Bilger won the prizes at Pinochle. They received large, beautiful hand-painted pictures, painted by the hostess. As the members entered the dining-room they found the table prettily decorated. In the center was a rainbow made of cardboard with icicles painted on each side, making a glittering effect. The place-cards were similar and

smaller. The lunch consisted of hot creamed salmon in patties, home-made rolls, relish, Boston cream pie and coffee. William Bauersacks, who won the booby prize, was given a tiny "pot of gold," found at the end of the rainbow. It was full of gold painted nuts for nuggets. The Bilgers are always up to something and the club enjoys it.

One of the most thrilling basketball games of the season was played between the Iowa and Nebraska school teams on Saturday night, February 19th, at the N. S. D. A large crowd of rooters turned out. The Iowans led in the first quarter, 11-9. The Omaha lads rallied at the half when the score was 15-15, with scarcely a second to go when Rue-mont Mauler made a beautiful, effective drive and the ball plunged into the basket and the whistle blew and the score was Nebraska 17, Iowa 15. The third quarter resulted in Nebraska 25 and Iowa 19. Rue-mont Mauler and Russell Daughtery played a brilliant game and Ben Shriner showed up as a fine guard. Meyer Rosenblatt played his best that night. Mauler made 12 points and Daughtery 8. Not one of the players failed to score. The rooters of both schools yelled themselves hoarse, the game finally going to Nebraska 37-23. Supt. Jesse W. Jackson was overjoyed and pleased. This game evens the score between the two teams, as Iowa won the previous game at Council Bluffs. Frank Jahnel came from Blair, Donald Dey from Fort Calhoun and Elvin Miller from Alexandria. Mr. Miller graduated in 1937. With all local games closed, the Nebraska school entered the state tournament in Class C. They easily routed Underwood 49-14, Friday night, February 11th. Mauler with 17 and Warford with 14, paced the N. S. D. team to its tenth victory. Their next clash was with Bellevue High and they won 27 to 22. The final game was with Macy of which all players except one were Indians and sad to say, our boys lost 37-27.

A masquerade party was sponsored by the Nebraska Association of the Deaf, Saturday evening, February 26th. It was a success socially and financially. A crowd of over 80 turned out, about half being in costume. The judges were Mrs. Eva Comp, Mrs. Chowins and Glen Cooper. Mrs. Henry Hoss wore a costume nearly covered with buttons. Mr. Hoss wore a patch-work suit, with a white patch on his back, shaped like the map of Nebraska, the white spot state (having few taxes). These two won prizes for most original costumes. Mrs. Myrtle Trego Schurkamp as an old woman and Mrs. Scott Cuscaden as a roly-poly farmer were chosen the most comical. Dale Paden astride a wood and burlap "horse" and James R. Jelinek as a deaf-blind beggar with his excited Scotch terrier attracted attention. Mr. and Mrs. C. Millard Bilger were a handsome Spanish couple. It was an amusing panorama of life and color. The old Virginia Reel provided a lot of fun, followed by other dances. Light refreshments were welcome. Messrs. Fry and Sinclair, and Mrs. George L. Revers were in charge, assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Nick Petersen and Miss Viola Tikalsky. Messrs. Auxier, Garner, Dey and Laffin showed up and they were not disappointed.

Mrs. Nellie Holter was bruised and cut when a car, driven by her oldest son, Edwin L. Holter, collided with another car on Saturday evening, February 5th. She suffered from shock and painful head injuries. Her granddaughter Nellie, aged nine, was bruised. The driver of the other car was to blame.

Mrs. Sena Helstein was given a surprise birthday party at her home in Benson Monday afternoon, January 10th. It was arranged by a group of lady friends, who brought along refreshments. Mrs. Helstein was delighted with the appropriate gifts she received.

All Souls Mission held their annual supper at Trinity Cathedral Parish House, Tuesday evening, March 1st. It was a pre-Lenten affair and was cooked by Messrs. James R. Jelinek and Harry G. Long. They were assisted by Mrs. Jelinek. Scott Cuscaden also helped. Mrs. Clinton B. Schoppe was on the spot at 3 p.m. to assist in setting the tables, arranging vases of flowers and tall tapers. At exactly 6:30 p.m. the 35 members and invited friends sat down and Tom L. Anderson gave the blessing. Then Misses Roberta Cuscaden and Betty Gomme served the good old fashioned dinner—roast beef, scalloped potatoes, green beans, slaw, hot rolls, coffee and apple pie. Messrs. Tom L. Anderson, F. Arthur Clayton and Clayton Junior did the dishes. It was a satisfying meal and all had a pleasant and sociable evening.

HAL AND MEL

New York State

News items for this column and subscriptions should be sent to William M. Lange Jr., 57 Dove Street, Albany, N. Y.

The daughter of Albert Myer (by his first wife) recently visited him in Syracuse. She lives in Springfield, Mass., and had not seen her father for twenty-six years. Needless to say, it was a happy reunion.

The eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Root of Syracuse has secured a responsible position in the City Government.

James M. Lewis, President of the Empire State Association of the Deaf, of Binghamton and Johnson City, made a trip up to Albany Saturday and Sunday, to confer with Thomas Sack, Chairman of the local committee which has charge of the ESAD Convention in Albany next June, and with William M. Lange, Jr., Secretary of the ESAD. Mr. Lewis seemed very well satisfied with the progress of the Convention plans, and predicted a record breaking Convention.

Our old friend in Rome sends in the following news items:

A son, Garry Vances, was born to Robert E. and Dorothy Kaupman Wright, 421 West Bloomfield Street, Rome, on Tuesday February 22nd, weight eight pounds and eleven ounces. This is the fourth boy in this family and Grand-daddy Walter E. Wright is elated over the fact the latest arrival came on the same date as the illustrious George Washington.

Mrs. Anna L. Ensworth has hied herself away to Scranton, Pa., for the winter, but expects to return to her home in Oswego as soon as Mistress Spring makes her appearance.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Schubert, Oneida, who were struck down by an auto on the evening of December 31st, have been transferred to the Oneida County Hospital at Rome, and both are making a remarkable recovery, considering the seriousness of their injuries. Mrs. Schubert is able to sit up part of the time. She was showered with birthday cards from friends and relatives on the occasion of her natal day on February 21st.

Mr. John H. Brownlee, Watertown, is now driving a latest model Plymouth coupe, having traded in his Ford car, and he expects to make his friends a call soon.

Having arrived at the three score years and ten milestone in his life on February 9th, Mr. John H. Thomas Utica, N. Y., was reminded of the occasion by his friends with a shower of birthday congratulations and greetings.

Mrs. Mary Butcher, Utica, was a recent week-end guest of Mrs. John Boylan at her home, 427 West Thomas Street, Rome.

Mrs. Minnie Gould, 110 W. North Street, Rome, has returned from a two weeks visit with her eldest daughter, Mrs. Robert Eldredge, Schenectady, N. Y.

Mrs. Grace Costello writes that she is enjoying the balmy breezes of Laurel, Md., where she is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Harmon.

Wisconsin Wins over Indiana by One Basket

By J. Frederick Meagher

	WON	LOST	PTS.	OPP.
Wisconsin	4	0	173	111
Indiana	3	1	120	101
Michigan	2	2	138	141
Ohio	1	3	122	124
Missouri	0	4	113	189

Again the Central States basketball tournament plays its two championship-deciding games in the final session—due to luck of the schedule draw. With score tied at 24-all three seconds before the closing gun the veteran Wisconsiners, last year's National Deaf Champions, netted that all-important pellet to trounce the cageful of Bengal Tigers coach Caskey had sprung on an unsuspect gymnasium. Only two of last year's Indii were veterans, two tiny cargoes of deadly dynamite named Martin and Gee, — oh, gee; but what the Wabash Wildmen lacked in size they made up in deadly fury.

All-Stars.—First team: Hecker (Wis.), Waters (Mich.), Shopshire (Ohio), Martin (Ind.), Hallada (Wis.). Second team: Jones (Mo.), Shroyer (Ohio), H. Boettcher (Wis.), Phillips (Ind.), Weingold (Wis.). High Scorers.—Hecker, Waters and Shopshire, likely topped the pack; but several up-and-coming youngsters gave them a run for their money. Waters made 27 of his team's 49 points against Missouri.

This 14th annual Central states tourney dedicated Wisconsin's magnificent new gymnasium, or assembly hall (as basketball goals are on a removable iron-pipe contraption, when removed they make the place a splendid auditorium.) Playing floor is 97x57 — just right. Outstanding feature is the roof-lights. You recall those "sunken soft-glow" illuminations at the bottom of high-grade swimming-pools. Well, the ceiling has 15 quarto-concealed 12,000 watt lights which makes it likely the only gym in Deafdom where no light-disparity dazzles the sudden up-looker as he tosses balls. The wall-tile costs 40c each piece. The funny thing about it is the building was just completed, replacing the old hall burned two years ago; so Wisconsin became the only "host school" which really played on a "strange floor." Making all fair-and-square.

After years of awarding the "Sportsmanship Trophy" to some member of the winning team, which drew Haff Hertzler's now famous euphemism: "It is easy to be a good sportsman if you are on a sure winner" — the Central finally adopted a ruling to instruct the "pickers" to award the trophy to some "also ran" if qualifications were close. Consequently the third-place Michigan goliath won it — Jack Waters, third and youngest son of the all-time Gallaudet College backfield star of 1901, Detroit's Rev. Horace Waters.

Future tournaments were awarded thusly: 1939 Missouri, 1940 Indiana, 1941 Ohio, 1942 Michigan, 1943 Illinois, 1944 Wisconsin. Booking games six years ahead easily stands as a record in Deafdom! The coaches conference also voted to sound other sections in an effort to united agreement on dates of tournaments—at present there is a disparity of a full month between the first (Eastern) and the last (Mid-West.) Which leaves the first rather rusty for the annual National Deaf Championship tournament.

To catch the airmail and get this to the DEAF-MUTES' JOURNAL at once, seems I will have to defer details of the meet and merely give team scores.

Indiana 29, Ohio 25
Wisconsin 62, Missouri 24
Indiana 38, Michigan 27
Ohio 49, Missouri 31
Wisconsin 47, Michigan 36
Michigan 49, Missouri 35
Wisconsin 38, Ohio 27
Indiana 29, Missouri 23
Michigan 26, Ohio 21
Wisconsin 26, Indiana 24

SEATTLE

The funeral of William S. Root, who was killed in a traffic accident, February 12th, took place, February 15th, at the Church of Our Redeemer, with Rev. W. A. Westerman, officiating. The church and the parsonage connecting were crowded with deaf and hearing friends and the minister spoke orally and signed at the same time. Beautiful flowers and wreaths covered the gray casket, the platform and pulpit. Mrs. Claire Reeves rendered "Nearer, My God, to Thee" and Rev. Westerman, "The Rock of Ages." Messrs. Bodley, Reeves, Koberstein, Garrison, Christenson and Oelschlager acted as pallbearers. The remains were cremated and buried at Lakeview Cemetery. The drunken hit-run driver was charged with manslaughter and will be tried some time later. Milo Root, the 21-year-old son, has secured an attorney to sue the driver for damages.

The W. S. A. D. party for the legislature fund, held at the school for the deaf in Vancouver, Wash., was as successful as in the past four years. The attendance was larger, probably 350 as the students were included, and the program was almost the same with basketball matches and bowling. The stunts by the pupils were excellent and the movies of the state convention were especially pleasing. President N. C. Garrison started the dedication of the new gymnasium, naming it after William S. Hunter, the teacher longest in service at the school, thirty years. Following Supt. Lloyd's speech, Dewey Deer and Oscar Sanders also were speakers.

The Oregon Alumni girls won the basketball match from the Seattle girls, but the Seattle boys made up by winning their game. The Portland men in Class A won at bowling, while Seattle won Class B.

The Vancouver ladies beat our Seattle maids. One of the deaf girls at the school took an electric percolator in a raffle and numerous others were given door prizes.

For the fine arrangements and the profits realized, praise goes to President N. C. Garrison of the W. S. A. D., and the committee, Oscar Sanders, Miss Ethel Newman and Mrs. Ethel Slothower.

The legislature fund is a worthy object and every one extends thanks to Supt. Geo. B. Lloyd and the officers for their generosity in opening the school to the W. S. A. D.

Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Garrison, Mrs. Edna Bertram and Dewey Deer motored to Vancouver in the Garrison Plymouth sedan. L. O. Christenson, A. K. Waugh, Chas. Gumaer and Bryan Wilson went by train. Others went by stage or in their autos.

James Morris Lowell of Tacoma, took Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Jack of Chehalis, in his car, and Alfred Goetz of Tacoma, had Mr. Lanctot of Seattle, when they motored to Vancouver.

Miss Genevieve Sink, chairman, is very much pleased at the outcome of the Washington Birthday party for which she labored and planned the past several months. Dressed as a colonial dame she directed the grand march and Virginia Reel. Two hours were spent telling about notables, born in February. A dialogue by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Travis, "Be My Valentine" won applause. Jack Sackville-West Jr.'s magic tricks stole the show. The audience wanted more of them. Jack's father was great in his acting as an assistant. The speakers were Messrs. Axling, Bodley, Partridge, Travis and Koberstein.

About half hour was devoted to giving out 15 door prizes and they were all fine and useful. Sandwiches, salad, cookies and coffee were served.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Jack of Chehalis, Mr. and Mrs. Humphrey and two daughters, Mrs. Ethel Slothower, Mr. Vogt and Mofit Brown of Vancouver; James Lowell, Alfred

Goetz, Mr. and Mrs. Bowlen, Mr. Mapes of Tacoma, and Mrs. Bergh of Spokane, were among the 120 paying guests at the social.

February 13th was C. K. McConnell's 70th birthday, when about 15 relatives gathered at his home for a big celebration. The next Sunday, the 20th, Mrs. McConnell invited 25 deaf friends for the occasion. A good number came and they presented Mr. McConnell, a purse of cash with good wishes for much happiness. The McConnells are one of the Seattle's oldest deaf pioneers, having arrived here about 45 years ago.

The Monthly Bridge Club of 14 people was entertained at Mr. and Mrs. True Partridge's attractive home, February 19th. We were pleasantly surprised to see Mr. A. J. Sackville-West of Spokane, the father of Jack Sackville-West, a University of Washington student. After enjoying the game of bridge and the dainty luncheon, prizes were presented to Mrs. Arthur Martin, Harry Oelschlager, Mrs. A. W. Wright and A. J. Sackville-West.

Mr. Sackville-West visited the Partridge family for ten days. During his stay he was the dinner guest of his hearing friends and one day he went to Tacoma to see a sister of his wife. He is returning home today, via Wenatchee where he planned to visit Lawrence Belser. He is an architect.

For Mrs. Carl Spencer's birthday, February 15th, a party was held at Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Bradbury's residence. A pleasant time was had by all present.

Miss Sophia Mullin gave a card party recently at her apartment in the University district. The prize winners were Mrs. Editha Ziegler, John Adams, Mrs. W. E. Brown and Horace Weston. The hostess served a nice luncheon for ten guests.

P. L. Axling went to Portland, February 12th, on business and the next day he went with Prof. and Mrs. W. S. Hunter, Will and Ronald Hunter, Miss Julia Cante, Chas. Lawrence, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Humphrey and their daughters to Mt. Hood. A lovely time was had by all.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Jack of Chehalis, stayed a couple of days with Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Wright when they attended the Washington Birthday party.

Clarence Thoms was on an excursion to Leavenworth to witness the ski tournament last Sunday. He reported a wonderful time.

Miss Mildred Skoglund, who is attending the University of Washington, sent a fifteen pound red salmon to Spokane for the Lutheran Church banquet, held February 19th. Mildred's father, John Skoglund, was the chairman of the social.

Sunday, February 20th, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Brown with Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Wright went up on the Milwaukee snow train to the ski bowl in the Cascade Mountains at Hyak, 60 miles from Seattle. Six feet of snow with freezing weather and lovely snow flurries was a beautiful sight, a great contrast to our balmy Puget Sound climate. The lodge, the only building, was comfortably warm and the food only a little higher than the city prices. We enjoyed watching the hundreds of gaily dressed skiers skiing for hours. Lots of pleasure to go out on the hard snow. We noticed that only men took the lift going up the hill. Wonder if the women thought it was too hazardous for them.

PUGET SOUND.

Feb. 27th.

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St. Francis Xavier College, 30 West 16th Street, New York City

For any information regarding Ephpheta Society communicate direct to either:

Mrs. Catherine Gallagher, President, 129 West 98th Street, New York City.

Herbert Koritzer, Secretary, 21-50 Thirty-eighth Street, Astoria, L. I.

Capital City

My oldest deaf sister, Matilda, 80, wife of the late Louis Huff of Oak Park, Ill., passed away peacefully February 25th, leaving an only son. She was a graduate of the Illinois State School in 1879. There were thirteen Gottschalg brothers and sisters born and raised on a farm two miles from Joliet, Ill. All have passed on, leaving a deaf sister 79, and brother 77, whose wife is deaf.

Their father and mother when young left Germany for America, with a pretty sixteen-year-old daughter, who was born deaf. Under the law of Illinois State she was not admitted to the State School, on account of her age. A year later she died of typhoid fever.

Word comes from Miami, Fla., that Mrs. W. W. Duvall, who left here last January 15th, was met by a friend, Mrs. Mary Hobart, at the Miami station, who brought her to her home in Homestead about thirty miles from Miami, where Mrs. Duvall will stay until Spring.

Among some messages that came is, "we are indeed sorry to hear that your mission St. Barnabas' in Washington, D. C., is still closed, for the deaf need the missions more than anyone else, for they cannot listen to any of the sermons over the radio, and eventually they will forget God, if they are not constantly reminded of him."

Mrs. H. C. Merrill of Syracuse, is in the Capital City and is going to stay with her married daughter and two charming granddaughters for a month. The Washington deaf welcome her. Rev. Mr. H. C. Merrill was in the city some Sundays ago delivering the sermon at Gallaudet College, of which most of us did not know. Mrs. Merrill was the organizer of the Capital City Card Club twenty-two years ago, and all the old members still maintain it. Mrs. Merrill will go to Florida next week. Mrs. Tracy will accompany her.

Sunday, February 27th, was a beautiful day, a very large attendance was at the Baptist Mission, when Rev. Mr. Bryant preached on "Fellowship with Everybody."

Under the charge of Mr. W. E. Marshall, the National Literary Society of Washington met at the usual place February 16th. The program was as follows: Reading, "The Marquis Glannc Hyacinth St. Palaye," by Mr. N. Brown of Gallaudet senior class; Jokes by Mr. W. E. Marshall, and a declamation, "Mother's Boys," by Mrs. J. Montgomery. The next meeting will be March 16th, in charge of Mr. Emil Henrikson.

The Capital City Card Club met at the residence of Mrs. S. B. Alley, Thursday night, February 24th. Prizes went to Mrs. Albert J. Rose and Mrs. A. J. Parker. Delicious refreshments were served. The gentlemen of the ladies joined the happy gathering and stayed until midnight.

Mrs. Sarah Marshall was 91 years old on March 4th. She was glad to receive a visit from Mrs. M. L. Marshall, who celebrated her birthday March 2d, with her. Mrs. Sarah Marshall would like to have her son in New York visit her.

A copy of the first issue of the "Great Lakes News" in place of old "The Disc and Docket" was received. It is published by the Detroit Association of the Deaf.

Last Wednesday evening, a O. W. L. S. party was held at Mrs. J. B. Davis' home. Among the guests were Mesdames Hall, Drake, Nelson, Atkins, and Messrs. Krug, Hughes and some friends of the city.

On February 19th, a bowling contest was held in Baltimore, Md. The Washington Frats defeated the Baltimore Frats by 106 points. Mr. Slaughter captured the highest score, \$2.50; Mr. Pucci the second, \$1.50, and Mr. Davis, third, \$1.

Through Dr. Percival Hall, a Coca

Cola Battling Works was established at 400 Seventh Street, S. W., about two years ago, which has progressed well. Those deaf workers are Raymond Curtis, Norris Lowe, Hugh Curtis, Gilbert Corman, John Moore, John Stuckler and Gray.

The news of the tragic death of Mr. W. S. Root of Seattle, Wash., was shocking. He was an old friend of the writer. To his wife and a son the writer extends sincere sympathy.

We rejoice that Mr. Glassett of Utah, passed a civil service examination for the position of a shipping clerk in Government Printing Office. He has a wife and a baby, who will come here to join him.

Miss Charlotte Croft's only brother, Major General Edward Croft, 63, former chief of infantry here, died at his home in Greenville, S. C., a month ago. He was buried in Arlington Cemetery. Surviving are his wife, a deaf son, Edward, and deaf sister, Charlotte. The community extends sympathy to them.

Mrs. Marie Cooper, one of the charming ladies of the Capital City, got a position with the United States Department of Agriculture.

Mr. and Mrs. Duncan V. Smoak spent two days in Richmond, Va., some time ago.

Joseph M. Bozarki, a handsome gentleman from Baltimore, Md., was at the Baptist Mission, Sunday February 27th, meeting old friends and making new acquaintances. He was educated at the Frederick School for the Deaf.

Harold E. Smith at present is stopping at 1429 West Virginia Avenue. He has been in search of work and he thinks it is hard to find a job in the city.

Mr. E. E. Bernsdorff has secured a place on 647 Lexington Place, N. E. Mr. and Mrs. J. Montgomery and Louis Schulte are to live with him.

Miss Dorothy Havens spent the week-end of February 22d in New York City, and is back home. She lives with Mr. and Mrs. Alex Evans, her sister.

There is much sickness in the Capital City. Mrs. R. L. Boswell, who has been sick with a breakdown, is regaining her health.

Mrs. J. B. Davis, who was operated on for appendicitis some time ago, is doing nicely.

Mrs. Wallace D. Edington, who was operated on for appendicitis at Sibley Hospital on February 21st, is doing finely.

Mrs. Clarence Olsen was rushed to Columbia Hospital two weeks ago, and operated on for appendicitis, and is reported to be doing well.

Friends of Mrs. William Lowell rejoice over good report that Mrs. Lowell, who has been ill with rheumatism, is up and around.

Mrs. Mary Gordon was taken ill the last week of January, and was sent home in Baltimore, Md., her native town. Her married daughter and family take care of her. Mrs. Gordon is well-known among the deaf in Baltimore.

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For information, write to Joseph Gelman, President, or Mrs. Sylvan G. Stern, Secretary, 5043 N. 16th St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Anent Deafness XIII

The invention of alphabetic writing which, by presenting a visible language, ought to have made the instruction of deaf-mutes much easier, in fact made it seem less so. To all who had laborously learned to read and write through the ear, it appeared impossible to regard written characters as other than the representatives of sounds. Down to the time of the Italian philosopher, Jerome Carden, it seems never to have occurred to anyone that written words might represent ideas directly to those who were unfamiliar with the sounds of the words. And after this period, some teachers of the deaf and dumb thought it was necessary to teach their pupils to pronounce words before they considered them able to understand the words. Degerando supposed that in ancient Egypt and China, where the written characters represented ideas and not words, deaf-mutes may have been instructed through the eye without causing any surprise, but this view is difficult to accept. The Egyptian hieroglyphics were mostly alphabetical characters, and it is considered that as neither this mode of writing, nor still less that of the Chinese is, in its elements, self explanatory both those modes of instruction were rather dubious. To learn either requires particular, often laborous explanation and instruction, which, of course, would be given through the voice to the ear. The beginning of instruction must, therefore, have seemed as impossible for deaf-mutes in the case of idealogical as in the case of alphabetical writing.

The case thus becomes narrowed down simply to this; men in general refused to believe, indeed, never suspected, that ideas could be clearly and definitely expressed, or even conceived, except in articulate words. To the vulgar, the power of speech seemed the only difference between reasoning beings and animals void of reason. To philosophers, words were essential to at least all the higher operations of thought. To theologians, it seemed impossible to receive the faith except through the *literal* word, and impossible for those who were born deaf to receive the word, following the misinterpretation of St. Augustine's meaning, as has been explained. With jurists there was no mode of giving a valid attestation of one's legal acts except in words. Those who had lost the use of the voice could give that attestation in writing, if able, but the Roman law recognized no possibility of giving a valid assent by means of signs.

It is worthy of notice that in the Code of Justinian, in making an exception in favor of those deaf-mutes who could write and who might make wills, execute deeds of gifts and other legal instruments, and manumit slaves, by writing under their own hands, while this was forbidden in the case of deaf-mutes unable to write, the exception is expressly worded to apply only to those deaf persons who were not so from birth. The latter were presumed to be capable of learning to write, while in the case of the deaf-mute from birth, no such possibility is admitted. And yet the same legislator believed that in rare cases, persons born deaf might have received the gift of speech from nature!

From this it was deduced that out of the two great truths on which the instruction of the deaf-mute rests, their own language of pantomime, cultivated and improved, was sufficient for all purposes of instruction and of communication; and, that ideas may be attached directly to written words without the intermediation of sounds. The second assumption was never suspected by the ancients, and the first only recognized at most in the case of a few familiar ideas, except it may have been as a means of recalling ideas already acquired through the use of speech. If deaf-mutes were to be held incapable of instruction, in the

palmy days of ancient learning, we cannot expect that their condition should be any better during the long night of strife and barbarism which succeeded. In fact, the prejudices of the northern nations seem to have been more severe and unjust toward them than that of the Romans. By the latter, they were regarded as naturally deficient in intellect; by the former they were in some cases at least, supposed to belong to a semidemoniacal race of beings. From old records it would appear that the early code of nearly every nation of Europe imposed upon them civil disabilities even more severe than among the Romans. They were deprived of their natural rights of inheritance, and in order to marry it was necessary for them to have a special dispensation from the Pope. This in itself illustrates the low level in which they were held as individuals and the contemptuous neglects which they suffered, an existence very little above that of the brute creation, although they were human beings and in no way responsible for their deafness.

(To be continued)

Florida Flashes

The society editor of the Jacksonville *Times-Union* has the following to say: "A delightful surprise birthday party was given Friday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Bageant, honoring Mrs. William Brookmire who was celebrating her seventy-fifth birthday on February 6th. The rooms of the home were decorated beautifully in a red and white Valentine motif. A heart shaped centerpiece of ribbons and lace which held the large birthday cake, centered the dining room table and was presented to Mrs. Brookmire by Mrs. Bageant. Games were enjoyed throughout the evening. Winning prizes were: Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Walker, Mrs. Frank Ambrose, Mrs. Lester Flynn, William Brookmire, Miss M. McGowan, Mrs. John Webb, Sherwood Hicks, Peter Dignan, and Todd Hicks. The hostess was assisted in caring for her guests by Mrs. Worthy Wise and Miss Elizabeth Holliday. The honoree received many lovely gifts from her friends. Those invited to attend the party were: Mr. and Mrs. William Brookmire, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Flynn, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ambrose and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Dignan, Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. John Webb, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ruffler of St. Louis, Mo., Mr. and Mrs. Worthy Wise, Mrs. Helen Manier, Misses Mary McGowan, Ethel White and Doris White, John Brookmire of New York City, Sherwood and Todd Hicks, Sidney Hoagland and Eldon Bageant.

Mrs. W. E. Gholdston, of Atlanta, Ga., visited in the home of her relatives in Jacksonville during the middle of February.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Kelly and Willard Kirby of Gainesville, accompanied by Mrs. Joseph A. Dobe of Cleveland, Ohio, a house guest of the Kellys, motored to Jacksonville where they spent the week-end of February 19th.

Rv. Franklin C. Smetiau, an Episcopal missionary to the deaf, preached to a large optience on Sunday, February 20th, in Jacksonville at the First Baptist Church.

Alfred A. Green is one of the few carpenters in Florida who is steadily employed the year round. He has been assigned a job on a large building in Lake Worth that will last several months.

Mr. and Mrs. John Weckel, of Canton, Ohio, who recently returned home from a tour of Florida, have indicated their intention to come back next winter for a longer stay.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther C. Campbell, former residents of Miami, are now living in Detroit, Mich.

F.E.P.

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Punxsutawney, Pa.

Well, here we are in this column for the first time!

The Punxsutawney Silent Club, since its organization eight months ago, is making excellent progress. It has 34 members now, and hopes to add more as time goes on. The attractive club rooms are on the third floor at 220 West Mahoning Street, Punxsutawney, right in the heart of the business section, which makes it very easy of access, and are open on Saturdays. Meetings and socials are held on the fourth Saturday of each month. The officers of the club are: President, Herman Schermer, DuBois; Vice-President, James Lattimer, Punxs'y; Secretary, Frank Berry, Punxs'y; Treasurer, Jethro Jacoby, Dixonville; Sergeant-at-Arms, Allen Cochrane, Punxs'y.

The club gave a sauerkraut and weiner supper Saturday, February 25th, which was a great success, socially and financially. The excellent supper was prepared by members of the club, the committee being composed of Mrs. James Lattimer, Mrs. Jethro Jacoby, Mrs. Paul Lewis, Miss Martha Smith and Mrs. Harry Ressler. After the supper, a topic, "A Deaf Beggar," discussed by John A. Moynihan, of Brookville, was enjoyed by all. He declared that he met twenty deaf beggar-peddlers, back in his home town during the past six months. Humorous talks were also given. In order to stimulate greater activity in the club, especially in an educational way, members are requested to bring something of interest up for discussion each month.

President Schermer stated that he has been in constant touch with the DuBois Division of the Pennsylvania State Labor Department's Bureau of Labor for Deaf and has been assured that one of its four field agents for Western Pennsylvania is coming soon to assist the deaf in this district. Through this column, we wish to convey our heartfelt thanks to Rev. Warren M. Smaltz, head of Council for Social and Industrial Welfare of the Deaf of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Happy faces were prevalent among all throughout the evening.

More news next time.

H. V. S.

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New England Gallaudet Association of the Deaf—Convention

July 2, 3, 4, 1938

PROVIDENCE, R. I.

Particulars Later

Newark, N. J.

What promises to be one of the most entertaining and lively affairs of the years among the deaf of New Jersey will be the Basketball Games and Dance under the auspices of the Newark Silent Club Enc at Shanley gymnasium—St. Benedicts School—at 520 High Street Newark, New Jersey, on Saturday night, March 12, 1938, at 8 P.M. Chairman Albert Neger is doing everything to make the affair supreme in every way. Over four hundred tickets have already been sold. The team representing the Newark Silent Club and that of the Jersey City Frats, although newcomers in the field, are showing much enthusiasm and the rivalry between the two fives is at fever heat. So a most exciting and fast game is promised. Jersey City Frats are determined to win and the Newark Silents are just as determined not to let them do so. So don't miss it: Indications show that there will be a complete exodus of the deaf from Jersey City and the deaf of Newark will be there too to help their team win. The other game on the program between the Bronx Unity and the Ephphetas promises to be a good one. Both teams want to win and they have been putting up a good game so far.

Coach Burbank of the New Jersey School for the Deaf, fresh from winning another school tournament, will referee both games. There will also be dancing and refreshments. Read the adv. elsewhere in this issue.

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Mrs. S. G. Hoag, chairman of the Entertainments, wishes to remind all of the socials the last Saturday of each month. From the Nevins Street station (I. R. T. subway) or the DeKalb Avenue station (B. M. T.), take the DeKalb trolley car and stop at Adelphi Street.

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